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THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

...is approximately 190 dedicated professionals from organizations and agencies that are advancing Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in Minnesota...

...that builds skills in Minnesota communities to successfully implement SRTS, supporting partnerships between state and local agencies, municipalities, and advocacy organizations, and advocating for policy changes to support walking and bicycling to schools and improvements to the built environment...



...and makes Minnesota a state where all students, no matter their race, ethnicity, income level, age, ability, or geographic location, can walk and bicycle on routes that are safe, comfortable and convenient...

...because to be able to walk and bike safely makes health, learning, communities, and independence better for all of us.



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Lorna Schmidt provided update from session

Introduced Austin Hauf



Dilworth Glyndon Felton (DGF) School District had hundreds of kids ride their bicycles to school. It was coordinated by their Community Education Dept. This was their first year of their high level of commitment to the event because late last summer we gave DGF Community Ed a bike fleet for them to manage for the school district and community, including their summer recreation program.

Community Ed:

distributed flyers to all K-8 teachers a flyer regarding Bike to School Day.

recruited volunteers to assist at both sites before and after school each day with yellow vests

handed out some "I Biked to to School Today" stickers and other fun biking goodies.

notified law enforcement in Dilworth and Glyndon so they are aware of the extra bike activity this day.

notified DGF bus drivers of increased bike activity this day.

sent out a School Messenger reminder alert to all parents today and a email to staff.



Little Canada Elementary



Little Canada Elementary School, part of Roseville School District
(carrie.ardito@isd623.org)



Emmet D. Williams Elementary (Roseville)



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Grand Marais, MN



Despite a gloomy and wet forecast, many students and families came out for the Grand Marais Bike/Walk to School Day on May 9th. Thankfully the rain held off, but it was fun seeing all the rain boots, rain coats, and umbrellas out in full force.”

For the enforcement, if anyone is interested in the crosswalk enforcement event idea in a small town/rural setting, feel free to connect them to me. Our first will be this afternoon and second on Thursday afternoon. If you’d like, I’d be happy to send along a photo or two from this afternoon, if that’d be helpful.

Olmsted Co (Multiple Schools)



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Brooklyn Center Secondary



BC STEAM Middle and High School is hosting it's first-ever "Remote Bus Drop and Walk" on National Bike to School Day this year, May 9! This is an exciting step and the Wellness Committee has the support of the Transportation Manager and the administration.





Minneapolis Public Schools

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MAY 11, 2018 — 10:42AM

GALLERY 4/6



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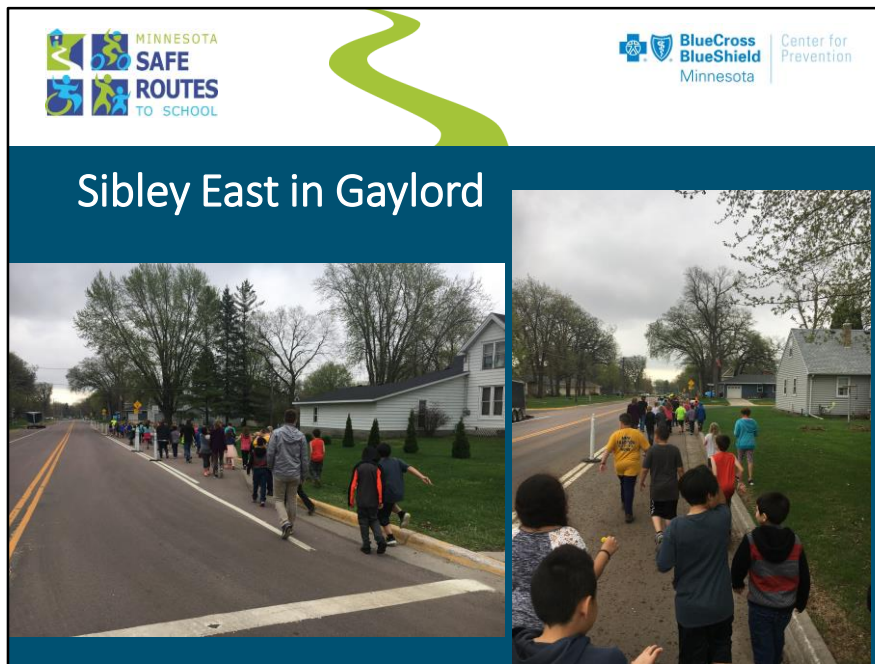
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JERRY HOLT — STAR TRIBUNE


Gallery: Members of Let's Roll MPS and students from Pillsbury, Nellie Stone Johnson, Lucy Lasey, Beshune Community, and Whittier International Elementary rode across the Stone Arch Bridge Wednesday May 9, 2018 in Minneapolis. The bicyclists started their ride from the MPS Culinary & Wellness Services center in North Minneapolis for an hour bike ride to promote Wellness Week.

Thirty-seven schools took part in Bike & Walk to School Day events in celebration of MPS Wellness Week and National Bike to School Day. More than 10,000 walkers and bikers participated!!! In the afternoon, more than 100 students, staff and community members joined the Let's Roll MPS a five mile bike ride in celebration of MPS Wellness Week and National Bike to School Day! We ended the ride with some MPS True Food deliciousness served from our Streets Eats food truck. Mark your calendar for May 8, 2019, and plan to join us next year!




From Jayme Krauth:

We worked with the student wellness team at Sibley East Elementary (K-5) in Gaylord to plan for their first Walk/Bike to School Day. They have a unique transportation system, so we were unable to set it up to have students dropped off in the morning and all walk to school together. Instead, staff arranged it to have all of the students in grades K-5 walk to school during their phy ed class time. They bussed all of the kids in each grade level to a local park and everyone walked to school together. Sibley East Elementary had a SRTS planning grant in 2016/2017 during construction of their new building and SHIP helped to purchase delineators to implement a on street trail with hopes for future implementation of a permanent trail.



MnDOT Updates SRTS State Network



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DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PILOT – MnDOT is developing a demonstration project toolkit to be used by communities working to bridge the gap between planning and construction. Demonstration projects can help build support for project concepts while piloting designs that make streets safer for everyone.

Bike Fleet solicitation open

- Why fund Bike Fleets?
- What is funded?
- How will applications be scored?
- What is deadline?
- What has changed?



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YES it is open! Deadline is June 22.

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/bicyclesolic.html>

Infrastructure Solicitation

- Timeline: Fall
- Eligibility Changes
 - Require subdivision regs that require SRTS infrastructure in developments authorized after June 1, 2016.



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A couple of great resources..



SIDEWALK REPAIR FUNDING GUIDE

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SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING GUIDE

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Questions?

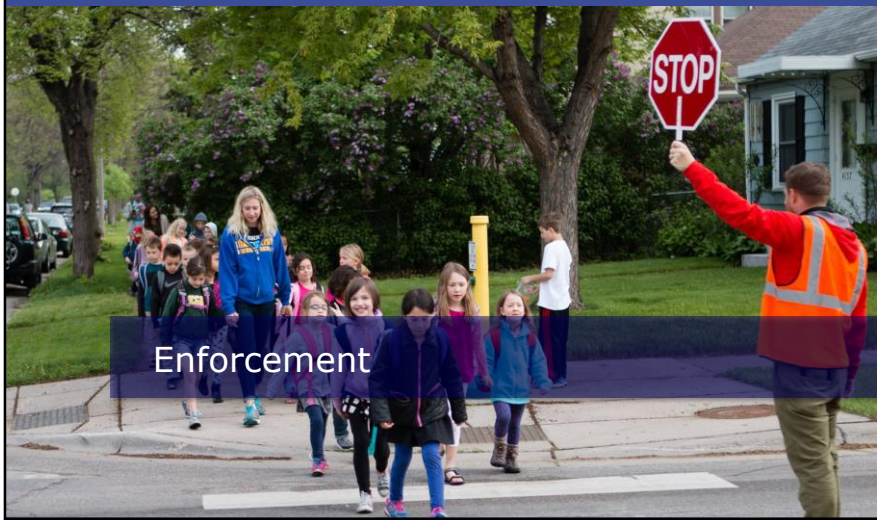


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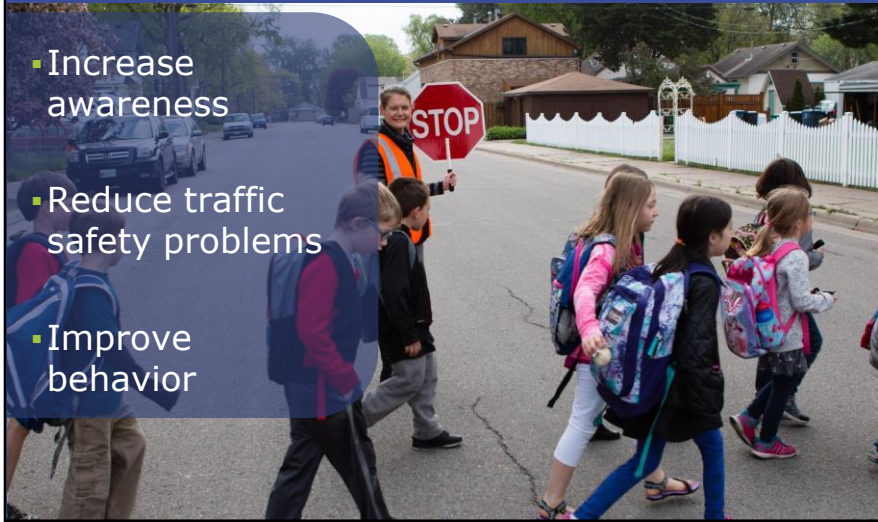


http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/assets/downloads/MN_SRTS_Tip%20Sheet_ENFORCEMENT.pdf



Enforcement

- Increase awareness
- Reduce traffic safety problems
- Improve behavior



Message:

- In SRTS programs, the role of enforcement is to increase the safety of children bicycling and walking to school by helping to change unsafe behaviors of all roadway users.
- While much of enforcement is directed toward changing the behavior of drivers, it also includes improving the behaviors of pedestrians and bicyclists.

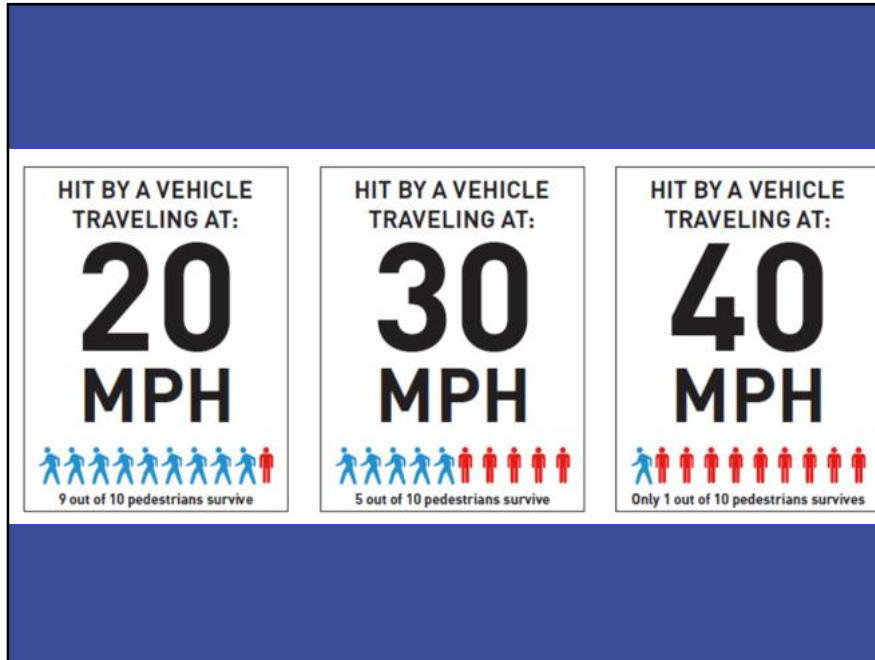


What to Enforce?

- Unsafe pedestrian behaviors
- Unsafe bicyclist behaviors
- Unsafe driver behaviors

Message:

- Pedestrian enforcement efforts should focus on changing students' behavior on the route to school in order to minimize risks student pedestrians may encounter.
- Unsafe PEDESTRIAN behaviors include:
 1. not looking left, right and left again before crossing the street,
 2. crossing a street at an undesirable location
 3. darting out or darting out between parked cars
 4. not following the directions of the crossing guard or traffic signals.



Message:

•As is discussed in the engineering session, just a 10 mph difference in speed can be critical for pedestrians. This is especially true for children and older pedestrians.

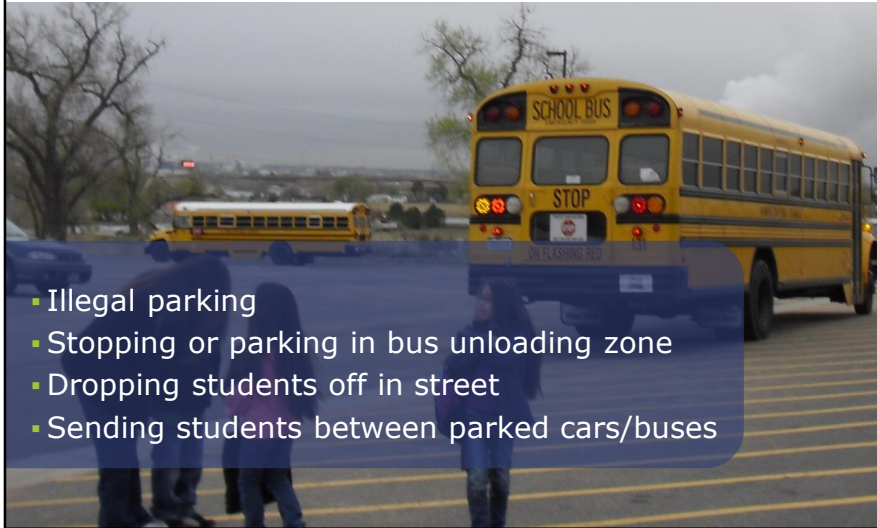
1. At 20 mph, the chance that a pedestrian will die if hit by a car is about 5%.
2. That chance increases to roughly 45% at 30 mph.
3. A pedestrian's chance of death if hit by a motor vehicle traveling 40 mph increases to 85%*.

Citation:

*Killing Speed and Saving Lives. (1987). UK Department of Transportation.



Unsafe on-campus driver behavior



- Illegal parking
- Stopping or parking in bus unloading zone
- Dropping students off in street
- Sending students between parked cars/buses

Message:

- Unsafe driver behaviors also occur on school streets and parking lots.
- Some driver behavior while dropping off or picking up students on campus may not be illegal, but still pose a threat to children walking and biking to school.

Some of the rules that are often violated include:

1. illegal parking,
2. cars using or stopping in the bus zone,
3. dropping off students in the street or on the driver's side of the car,
4. dropping off students so that they must walk between parked cars and busses,
5. violating school drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Image:

College Gate Elementary, Anchorage, AK provided by Melody Geraci.



A different kind of enforcement...

- Students
- Parents
- School administration
- Crossing guards
- Law enforcement officers
- Community

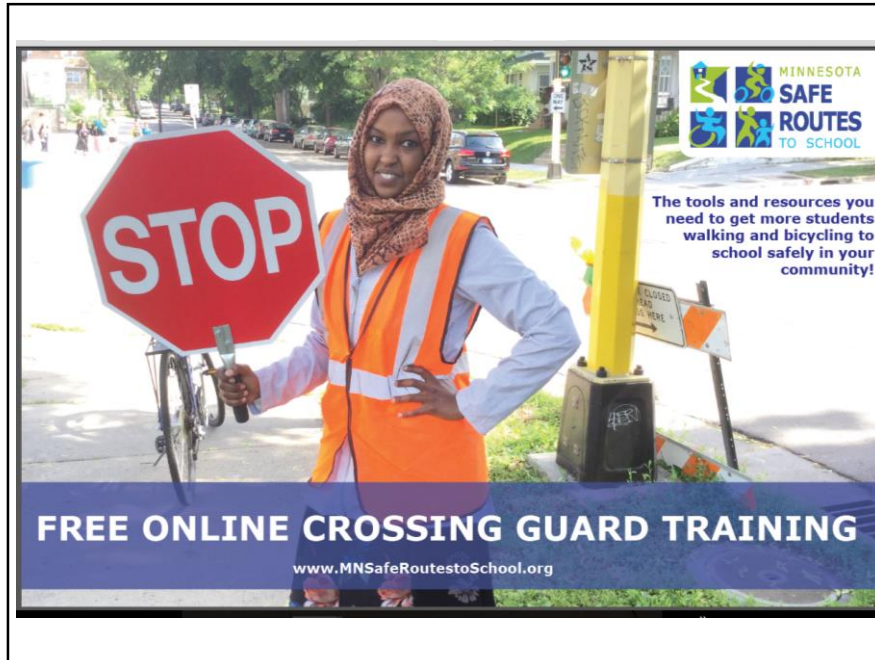


Message:

•In SRTS programs, enforcement is not just about law enforcement officers; many different members of the community can play an important role in enforcement efforts including students, parents and other adults, school personnel, and crossing guards as well as law enforcement officers.

Images:

Highlands Elementary, Fairway, KS provided by www.iwalktoschool.org



http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/training/mncrossing%20guard%20training/index.html?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=



<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/training/student%20safety%20patrol%20training/index.html>



Law enforcement methods



- Speed trailers
- Active speed monitors
- Traffic complaint hotline
- Photo enforcement
- Pedestrian 'decoys'
- Progressive ticketing

Message:

Let's take a look at some specific law enforcement strategies. I want you to notice that ticketing is only one small part.

Note to instructor:

This is a lead-in to the next several slides which explain the law enforcement methods listed here. Not all of the methods will be appropriate for each location. For example, photo enforcement is not allowed in all states. If possible, review these methods in advance with the local coordinator or law enforcement agency to determine which are available and which are legal in the jurisdiction. "Hide" slides that are inappropriate for the location in which you are presenting, or be sure to inquire about what is legal in their community as you are presenting.

Image:

Morey Middle School, Denver, CO provided by Mike Cynecki.



Law enforcement can be effective when:

- The majority of drivers are following the law.
- The built environment supports the law.

Impact lasts several weeks without other strategies.

Message:

- It is most important to understand that law enforcement needs to be under the right conditions and for a long enough period of time to maximize behavior change.
- In general, law enforcement can be effective when most (85% or more) motorists are doing the right thing at a location. Then law enforcement can effectively manage the motorists that are breaking the law. However, if most motorists are not obeying the law, law enforcement will do little to change behavior, especially if the built environment contributes to the illegal behavior.

Image:

Kennedy Elementary School, Phoenix, AZ provided by Mike Cynecki

Summary

- Enforcement requires the action of parents, schools, children, and the community
- Enforcement includes an array of strategies to improve behavior
- Law enforcement officers are valuable partners who can play many roles



Message:

- In closing, enforcement requires the action of parents, schools, children, and the community.
- Enforcement efforts can include an array of strategies to improve behavior of students and drivers. Ticketing of traffic law violators should be one of the last resorts.
- Law enforcement officers are valuable partners who can play many roles in Safe Route to School programs.

Enforcement Discussion

- How have you kept local law enforcement engaged in your work?
- What do you see as successful strategies?

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Explores themes related to health, health equity and community.

We hope to include community voices in our episodes, and are collecting stories for our March launch!

Please call in at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy.

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The Center for Prevention is launching a new podcast!

First episode came out March 20, and focused on trends and traditions in health, and how they shift across generations. And we'd like to hear from you, or friends, family, students, teachers... Please call us at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy. Don't forget to give us your full name and phone number so we can contact you to follow up on your story. We look forward to hearing your stories.

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Facebook Link:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a fall workshop, application deadline June 1, 2018



REGISTER NOW

SAVE THE DATE

Walk! Bike! Fun! Ambassador Trainings:

Stillwater, May 22

St Paul, June 11

Pilot Adaptive WBF Educator Trainings: Registration will open week of May 21

Mankato, June 15

Rochester, June 21

FUTURE WBF TRAININGS:

Be thinking about working with schools/communities to host an Educator's training NOW for Fall.

If you would like to host an Educator's training in the **Fall 2018**, the [deadline for application](#) submission is June 1st.

Decisions will be made for trainings immediately following the deadline. Notifications to applicants will be made within 2 weeks of application deadlines.

WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:

~~OCTOBER 4TH, 2017~~

~~FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018~~

~~MAY 9TH, 2018~~



See you next year!!!



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MONTH

April 19, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- MN SRTS Resource Center: Interactive Community
- Use of Demonstration Projects and SRTS

MONTH

May 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Enforcement: What is working in Minnesota


MONTH


June 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- SRTS: Supporting People with Disabilities
- Adaptive Bike Fleets

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MONTH July 18, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	TOPIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Push Comes to Shove – When SHIP Pushed a Local SRTS Strategies • Equity Discussion
MONTH August 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM (moved from Aug 16)	TOPIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN SRTS Evaluation Plan Launch
MONTH September 20, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	TOPIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD

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Please note change in August call date.

2018 MEETINGS

2018 Meeting Dates:

~~January 18~~

~~February 15~~

~~March 8 (revised from 15)~~

~~April 19~~

~~May 17~~

June 21

July 19

August 9 (revised from 16)

September 20

October 18/25

November 15

December 20

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



THANK YOU!